

2026 Ohio U.S. Senate Race



ACLU OF OHIO POSITION

ENGAGED DEMOCRACY

The ACLU firmly opposes the SAVE Act as it would disenfranchise millions of eligible voters through unnecessary, restrictive documentary proof-of-citizenship requirements for voter registration.
Voting is the cornerstone of our democracy.

INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS AND DIGNITY


The ACLU of Ohio played a pivotal role in the 2023 campaign to secure passage of The Ohio Reproductive Freedom Amendment.
Every person should have the freedom and power to make deeply personal decisions about their body and future, free from government interference.

FREE SPEECH, FREE COUNTRY

The ACLU opposes additional funding for ICE and calls for safeguards against racial profiling, detention of children, and warrantless arrests.
Regardless of immigration status, everyone has basic rights that are protected by the U.S. Constitution.


SMART JUSTICE

The ACLU of Ohio is committed to advancing community reentry by working to eliminate barriers that prevent people recently released from prison from leading successful lives.
We must give our neighbors meaningful opportunities and necessary support systems to rebuild their lives after incarceration.



Sherrod Brown (D)
Education
 Yale University (B.A., 1974)
 Ohio State University (M.P.A., 1979; M.A., 1981)
Work Experience
 - U.S. Senator for Ohio
 - U.S. Representative for Ohio
 - Ohio Secretary of State

VS



Sen. Jon Husted (R)
Education
 University of Dayton (B.A., 1989)
 University of Dayton (M.A., 1992)
Work Experience
 - Ohio Lieutenant Governor
 - Ohio Secretary of State
 - Ohio State Senate
 - Ohio House of Representatives

Incumbent

Brown opposes the federal SAVE Act.
“For years, Ohio has had safe and secure elections that have been administered in a bipartisan fashion. It’s wrong that people are trying to sow distrust in our election systems. Our leaders should be trying to make it easier to vote, not creating unnecessary barriers that threaten the ability of hardworking Ohioans to vote early, mail in their ballots, or vote on Election Day.”

Husted supports the federal SAVE Act.
“It is possible to make it both easy to vote and hard to cheat. Passing voter ID requirements is common sense... it’s the right thing to do for voter confidence.”

Brown endorsed The Ohio Reproductive Freedom Amendment in 2023.
“Ohioans will make their support for abortion rights clear this November. And with your support, I’ll continue fighting for those same freedoms for women across Ohio in the U.S. Senate.”

Husted opposed The Ohio Reproductive Freedom Amendment in 2023.
In speaking at a March for Life rally in October 2023, Husted told attendees, “We must persuade them that Issue 1 is too radical for Ohio and that they need to vote no.”

Brown supports extending temporary protected status for Haitian community.
“Bringing in ICE means these communities are less safe. We should fund police departments better. Ohio has cut funding for local police, and they’re the ones that make the community safe, not ICE.”

Husted voted to fund ICE/CPB and help restore funding to DHS.
“We cannot go back to the Biden administration’s dangerous policies of open borders and high crime. This framework is a step toward protecting our communities, keeping the border secure and getting a deal to fully fund DHS.”

Brown brought in a \$1M grant for Ohio’s Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to support those reentering post-incarceration.
“Transitioning back to civilian life can be a jarring and costly experience that strains mental health and may even result in reimprisonment if returning citizens aren’t met with proper support. This much-needed investment will help ensure those reintegrating into communities have the tools and resources they need to find housing and be successful.”

In 2023, then Lieutenant Governor, Husted announced the Tower Technician Training program, which works with employer-partners to train soon-to-be-released inmates for jobs in the telecommunications industry.
“I commend the industry for their willingness to train individuals who are leaving incarceration so that they can join the workforce and lead lives of hope and purpose while building the infrastructure that will expand broadband access to more Ohioans.”